

Biography of
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BUSINESS/PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS: President, The Williamson Group, Inc., 1997-present; Chairman, Quick Quarters, Inc, 1997-present; Chairman, The Giving Card, 1997-present; Past President and CEO, Citicorp (SD), N.A., 1987-1997; Past Executive Director, SD Municipal League, 1971-1978.

EDUCATION: MA, Public Administration, University of South Dakota; BS, Engineering, United States Military Academy at West Point.

MILITARY SERVICE: 34 years of military experience. Cadet, West Point, 1960-1964. U.S. Army (active duty), 1964-1971. Airborne Ranger, Fort Benning, Georgia; Field Artillery, Fort Carson, Colorado; Army Aviation, Fort Rucker, Alabama. Helicopter and Fixed Wing Aviator, Aviation Detachment Commander, Vietnam. Aviation School Instructor Pilot, G-3 Staff, Fort Rucker. South Dakota National Guard, 147th Field Artillery, 1971-1987; SDNG, Adjutant General, Secretary of Military and Veterans Affairs, 1983-1987. U.S. Army Reserve, G-3 Staff, Fort McPherson, Georgia, 1987-1994. Awards include Bronze Star, Air Medal with "V" Device, AM (14), Army Commendation Medal with "V" Device.

STATE GOVERNMENT SERVICE: Former State Representative, SD House of Representatives, 2002-2004; Chief of Staff to Governor of South Dakota, 1979-1983.

MEMBERSHIPS AND OTHER AFFILIATIONS:

CIVIL/PHILANTHROPIC: Board of Directors: U.S. Chamber of Commerce Small Business Council, Great Plains Public Policy Institute (President and Founder), SD Bankers Foundation, UMB Trust Bank of SD (Vice President), 1st Financial Bank USA, West Point Society of SD (President). Past President: SD Chamber of Commerce, SD Symphony, Pierre Chamber of Commerce, Pierre Little League, Rawlins Library. Past Director: Central Plains Clinic, Forward Sioux Falls, McKennan Hospital, Sioux Empire United Way, Sioux Falls Chamber of Commerce (President Elect), SD Affiliate American Diabetes Association, SD Bankers Association, SD Children's Home Society, SD Community Foundation, SD State Fair, USD Foundation, YMCA.

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